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I have a large lot of cheap farm  
land in Callaway county, Mo. Call on  
or address

15-4m F. POSTON, Fulton, Mo.

The Mexico LEDGER always pub-  
lishes the news.

The people of Audrain county  
are beginning to appreciate the  
necessity of good roads.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, located  
at Fulton, Mo., is one of the best  
colleges for boys in the United  
States.

So China will not retaliate upon  
Americans in that country, at least  
not for the present. Thanks, John,  
for your consideration.

The Ninth District of Missouri  
promises to redeem itself in 1894  
by re-electing Hon. Champ Clark  
to Congress by acclamation.

The man who keeps his money in  
active circulation in times like these  
is both a patriot and a philanthropist.  
May his tribe increase.

Those who talk of "wading in  
blood" and of secession  
unless their financial views are  
adopted are very few and far be-  
tween.

There are politicians who would  
be opposed to the Congressman  
from the Ninth District of Missouri,  
no matter how able or how honest  
he may be.

Sensible people will wait until  
the Democrats in Congress have  
failed to find a satisfactory solution  
of the financial problem before be-  
ginning to find fault.

WM. A. DILLON, of Montgomery  
county, was elected president of the  
F. & L. Union at the State meeting in  
Brookfield this week. J. W. Long,  
of Warrensburg, was chosen Treas-  
urer.

No wonder Benjamin Harrison  
expresses sympathy for the country;  
he is, perhaps, responsible to  
a greater extent than any other  
one man for the present condition  
of affairs.

Is the world coming to an end?  
The *Auxvasse* (Mo.) Review, copy-  
ing a strong speech of Bland's,  
heads it "Bland's Bluster." The  
Review is published in Callaway  
county, Bland's own district.

Mr. FETTER, of the Insurance  
Board of this state, was in Mexico  
Thursday examining risks and there  
will likely be a rerating and the  
aggregate increase will not be  
near so heavy as it was first an-  
ticipated.

We can see no good reason why  
good Democrats cannot honestly  
refer as to the expediency of the  
free coinage of silver at this time,  
without in the least impairing their  
standing as Democrats. In the end  
the will of the majority will prevail.

The hoarders of money are mak-  
ing trouble for themselves. Busi-  
ness cannot be conducted with all  
the money hid away, and business  
cannot stagnate without injury to  
all, including the hoarders. Put your  
money where it will circulate, and  
everybody will be benefited.

Is this issue of the LEDGER will  
be found the response made by the  
western governors to the call made  
by the governor of Kansas for a  
division in this country on account  
of the silver question. In the lan-  
guage of an ex-Confederate veteran  
of Mexico, "those who favor a divi-  
sion now don't know what they  
are talking about."

In this issue of the LEDGER will  
be found an editorial from the *St. Louis  
Republic* calling attention to the fact  
that an effort is being made to cre-  
ate discord in the Democratic party  
throughout the entire country. The  
very movement discerned by the *St.  
Louis Republic* is at work in Au-  
drain county and the wheel horses  
of the Democratic party should  
scotch it.

C. C. DAVIS has great faith in  
Mexico and Audrain county and  
has abiding faith in what is under  
as well as what is on top of the  
earth. He is spending his good  
hard money in developing a coal  
mine, which if it succeeds will  
save thousands of dollars to con-  
sumers in this city. Charley de-  
serves success and we believe will  
attain it.

HORACE BOIES has been nomi-  
nated for Governor of Ohio and the  
Democrats of that state adopted  
the financial plank of the Chicago  
platform. This is identical with  
the minority report made at the  
silver meeting in Mexico a few  
days since. Three states have nomi-  
nated officers—Ohio, Virginia and  
Iowa. This plank has been adopted  
by all three, but received only  
three votes at the silver meeting in  
Mexico.

The prospect now is good for  
Mexico having plenty of coal right  
here at home. Davis' coal mine is  
furnishing from two to three hun-  
dred bushels a day now and the  
prospect is that when a new shaft  
is sunk that Mexico will be nearly,  
if not quite, supplied with coal from  
this mine. If not this year, arrange-  
ments will be completed so that  
Mexico can be more than supplied  
with coal next year. Mexico uses  
about 40,000 tons of coal a year.

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, in  
an extended editorial on the finan-  
cial situation, says: "Both the gold  
monometallist and the silver extem-  
perist are fetich worshippers, and like  
all fetich worshippers will not listen  
to reason. The gold bug worships  
the golden calf as a money divinity  
and all who do not join him in his  
devotions are mad heretics. The  
silver extremist prostrates himself  
before the arbitrary ratio of 16 to 1  
as a sacred thing and calls all who  
contrary to do this silly act gold bugs.  
Conclude to the traditions and acts  
of this Government, to the constitu-  
tion which empowers Congress to fix  
the value of coined money, to the  
platforms of both leading parties,  
which demand the coinage of both  
metals on an equal basis of intrinsic  
and interchangeable values, he in-  
sists that any basis but this ratio is  
hurtful and villainous. He interpre-  
tes all the utterances of past  
leaders in favor of bimetalism as in-  
dorsements of a fixed ratio, a mean-  
ingless undreamt of by them. Mean-  
while the country is being wrecked  
by the operation of the vicious Sher-  
man makeshift. The mass of the  
people of this country demand hon-  
esty in money legislation. There is  
no safety outside of this basis. The  
Sherman law is a dishonest measure  
and the essential preliminary to get-  
ting on an honest basis and restoring  
confidence is its removal. Repeal  
the Sherman law and appoint a  
monetary commission to inquire in-  
to and report upon the relative values  
of gold and silver as a basis for de-  
termining the true ratio. This is  
the way of sanity and good sense.  
It is the way to honest bimetalism,  
by which alone disaster may be  
averted and permanent prosperity  
secured."

Is referring to the financial situa-  
tion, the *St. Louis Republic* says:  
No Democratic practice, no Demo-  
cratic declaration, has ever said  
that a particular ratio must remain  
unchanged. The last national  
platform says that the coinage  
should be so adjusted by legislation  
that the equality of all dollars may  
be guaranteed to the holder. The  
Constitution directs Congress to  
provide a uniform coinage, and  
wisely leaves the ratio to be de-  
termined by circumstances.

When a professed bimetalist  
says that to alter the ratio is to  
diminish the power of silver, he  
speaks falsely, and, unless he is  
shamefully ignorant, he knows his  
falseness. Silver is now occupying  
the inferior position of nicker and  
copper. It is no part of the stand-  
ard. Gold is alone the final money  
and the measure of values. We  
have silver dollars and we have  
silver bullion, but our standard is  
gold. Free coinage at a ratio of  
20 to 1 would be an uplifting  
from its present position.

If any set of men in Congress  
defeat free coinage by refusing to  
vote for a ratio of 20 to 1 after the  
other ratios are voted down—if they  
shall be voted down—that set of  
men will be as fairly open to the  
charge of gold monometallism as  
John Sherman or the Globe-Demo-  
crat. Their words may be for silver,  
but their votes will be for gold.  
Their subsequent protestations will  
not save them. Whether they plead  
ignorance or sound the praises of  
silver will make no difference. A  
vote against free coinage—against  
the gold and silver money of the  
Democratic platform—is the same  
when cast by a Populist as when it  
is set opposite the name of a north-  
eastern Republican.

Western and Southern members  
have been sent to get free coinage,  
if they can, by any exertion. The  
gold forces as to throw away free coinage  
when it is within their grasp.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
Wells, of this county, a son.

From West To East.

HOLD THREAT OF COMMERCIAL  
DISUNION OF THE STATES.

Gov. Stone of Missouri Favors the Plan  
of Kansas Petitioners—St. Louis  
Should Be the Money and  
Trade Center of the  
West.

New York, Aug. 23.—A few  
days ago the State officers of Kan-  
sas signed their names to and for-  
warded a petition to Gov. Wm. J.  
Stone of Missouri to call a conven-  
tion of Governors of western states  
to meet in St. Louis for the purpose  
of devising means for the arrange-  
ment of "such trade relations as  
may render this section free of de-  
pendence upon the eastern section  
of the United States in business af-  
airs." This action has been fol-  
lowed by other State officials and  
many Boards of Trade in the West,  
all praying Gov. Stone to call a  
conference looking to "commercial  
disunion" of the West from the East.

The World of this city prints to-  
day opinions from a number of  
Western Governors upon this propo-  
sition. The World sent to each of  
the Governors of the Western  
States this telegram:

Will you kindly telegraph at our  
expense answers to the following  
questions:

First, What do you think of the  
petition of Kansas officials for a  
commercial division between the  
West and East?

Second, What would be the re-  
sult of the proposed convention of  
Governors to consider this?

Gov. Stone of Missouri, Lewelling  
of Kansas and Penoyer of Oregon  
favor the convention. Gov. Boies  
of Iowa says it is unwise and does  
not think any considerable number  
of Governors would attend such a  
convention. Other Governors, nota-  
bly McGraw of Washington, Col-  
cord of Nevada and Nelson of Wis-  
consin, oppose the scheme.

GOV. STONE FAVORS IT.  
Here is the interview with Gov.  
Stone of Missouri on the proposed  
convention and its results:

Aspen, Colo., Aug. 22.—Gov.  
Stone of Missouri, to whom the peti-  
tion, for a convention of Governors of  
Western and Southern States has  
been sent by Kansas officials who  
would try to establish a commercial  
division of the country, said to-  
day: "The *World* and *Post-Dispatch* cor-  
respondent yesterday at Glenwood  
Springs that he was satisfied the  
South and West could unite upon a  
plan to make St. Louis the money  
center and Galveston or New Or-  
leans the outlet for Western com-  
merce. If it were demonstrated up-  
on his return home, he said, that a  
representative convention of the  
kind proposed should be had he  
would call the same at such time as  
would in his judgment best suit the  
object to be attained. He deplored  
sectionalism, but the time had  
come, he thought, when the people  
of the West and South and the great  
wheat raising sections of the North  
and Northwest must act to preserve  
their own interests, and in fact,  
their own firesides. He had formed  
the idea from what he has seen in  
the daily press, that it was proposed  
to exclude from the convention the  
agricultural states east of the Mis-  
sissippi River, and certain of the  
north of the Ohio River whose in-  
terests were the same. This was  
not, in his opinion, the proper  
thing. They were silver people and  
should participate. As to the place  
of meeting, St. Louis was probably  
the most central and convenient; if  
left to him he would call a conven-  
tion to meet October 1. This date  
would give him time to consult the  
Governors of other states, and what-  
ever action was taken would be  
freder in the minds of Senators  
and Congressmen and would no  
doubt have its influence with Presi-  
dent Cleveland.

THEY WOULD BE "TRAITORS."  
Here are the replies from the  
Governors of other Western States  
on the proposed scheme:

"I believe this nation to be an  
indivisible union; that any man  
who proposes a measure to-day  
looking to a secession of States  
from the union is a traitor to the  
flag of freedom as he was 1861; that  
united we will stand, but divided we  
fall, whether we attempt to divide  
on the line of slavery North and  
South or of silver East and West."  
J. H. McGRAW.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.

PENYOER FOR FAIR PLAY.  
The Southern and Western States  
are now really the bond slaves of  
the Eastern States between the two  
thieves, the Eastern protected in-  
terests and the Eastern gold bug bond-  
holding oligarchy. They are en-  
dured greater oppression than our  
forefathers endured when they re-  
belled against Great Britain. They  
ought to secure either fair play or  
commercial freedom.

SYLVESTER PENYOER.  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21.

I approve the action of Kansas  
and other State officials looking to a  
closer commercial union of the west.  
L. D. LEWELLING.

TOPEKA, Aug. 20.

OPPOSE THE PLAN.

I do not approve the suggestion  
of a commercial division between  
the Eastern and Western States.  
Commercial division would do vio-  
lence to the spirit of 1861 and would  
lead to national disintegration.

KNUTE NELSON.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 22.

I think the movement for com-  
mercial division between the West  
and the East unwise.

HORACE BOIES.  
DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 21.

I have no sympathy with such a  
movement and will oppose any and  
all schemes calculated to stir up  
sectional feeling. R. K. COLCORD.

CARSON, Nev., Aug. 21.

I do not agree with Gov. Waite  
regarding commercial division al-  
though I am in harmony with him  
on bimetalism, leaving out the  
bridge episode.

W. J. McCONNELL.  
BOISE CITY, Idaho.

I have no sympathy with the pro-  
posed movement and have no idea  
that it will amount to anything.

LORENZO CHORSE.  
OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 18.

Good Roads.  
To the Editor of the Ledger.

GANT, Mo., August 24, 1893.—  
No man will deny that good roads  
are a blessing and had ones a curse  
to any community. It is so any-  
way. Many have written before us  
in a general way, not very many in  
detail. Good hints have been given.  
Some people want take hints so  
we shall have to give a few kicks.  
The first thing is to elect a good  
overseer. Herein lies the secret of  
success. He should be a hustler,  
a man who is not lazy, for a lazy  
man is not fit even to boss. He  
should be at the place to begin work  
at 7 o'clock a. m. and quit exactly  
at 12 m. for dinner. Begin work  
again at 1:30 p. m. exactly and  
quit at 6:30 in the evening, and re-  
quire every man to do the same.  
Dock him for time that he is absent  
in the morning and at noon, or if  
he wants to quit at 4, 5 or 6 o'clock  
"because threshers are coming,"  
"the hogs are in the corn" or on ac-  
count of anything else. Why should  
he get pay for time he did not work  
and good citizens put in full time  
and get just the same as the fellow  
who works one-half the time? If  
it takes six days to put in three  
make them work that long. They  
will soon learn to be on time and  
willing to work until time is up. If  
an overseer gets a man to furnish  
plank or timber of any kind for  
bridges and culverts, if it is not long  
enough or overly crooked or rotten,  
or if he handles a certain kind of  
elm or basswood, poplar or pawpaw,  
or any kind of wood not worth put-  
ting in, just let it lie and tell him to  
haul it home for wood, that you have  
no right to cheat the people so and  
cannot and will not pay him one  
cent for it. This will put an end to  
such highway robbery. For it is  
truly robbing the highway and the  
people. The best plan is to work  
whenever you can in May and June.  
The roads will get solid then before  
winter. At all events the plowing  
should be done then and re-plowed  
when you grade. Now, for culverts  
and bridges, for tile will not rot  
where there is much water to carry  
off, neither will a box; however, if  
you do put in either, let them down  
into the ground or else grade up  
about one foot above the top after  
laying on plank or straight poles to  
keep the wheels from breaking them  
in. The culverts and bridges should  
then be made entirely out of some  
solid, well-lasting timber, such as  
white oak, burr oak, red elm or  
black walnut. Don't let any and  
every fellow monkey with it, but let  
the man who can do it best do the  
part that he can do best. Have  
enough men to work to advantage  
and don't let some stand around  
while others are making the bridge,  
and those that did the wood work  
be idle while others plow and scrape.  
Have some plating while others are  
framing and others taking out the  
old bridge. Keep every one at work  
until he or his team get too warm.  
If he don't like it just plainly tell  
him he can go home and pay his  
poll tax in money and hire another  
to work in his place who will work.  
There are plenty of men who would  
like to work at this time of the year  
at \$2 per day and do a good honest  
day's work. The grade up to the  
bridge should be about six to eight  
inches higher than the plank, so  
that when the dirt settles it will be  
at least as high as the bridge is.  
There should be good plank or poles  
on each side to keep the dirt from  
washing off. The men who haul in  
a few scrapers full of dirt and then  
not even pretend to level it down so  
that a man goes bump, bump, bump,  
(nearly out, at least for 5 to 10  
inches up and down) as he drives  
over such a road, and if anything  
but putting up stove pipe will make  
him swear, that will. Any man, or  
set of men, who pretend to be citi-  
zens and do such things as that and  
such a job as somebody did grading  
on the road from James Cox's toward  
the Centralia road in northeastern  
Boone county ought to be indicted  
before the Grand Jury. These two  
classes of men are damaging the  
roads by making such humps and  
leaving holes for water to stand in  
and when the rains descend and

Saved Her Life.

Mrs. C. J. Woodruff, of Wortham,  
Texas, saved the life of her child by the  
use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

"One of my children had Croup. The  
case was attended by our physician and was  
supposed to be well under control. One  
day, however, the child was seized with  
breathing, and on going to it I found it strug-  
gling. I had nearly ceased to breathe.  
Knowing that the child's alarming condition  
had become possible in spite of the medicines  
given, I at once resorted to Ayer's Cherry  
Pectoral. In a short time, the child was  
free from danger, and in a short time, the  
child was free from danger, and in a short  
time, the child was free from danger. I do  
not hesitate to say that Ayer's Cherry  
Pectoral saved her life."

AYER'S  
Cherry Pectoral  
Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.  
Prompt to act, sure to cure

snows melt to become great mud,  
yes, mire holes. Over in Boone  
county, as we said, they left a place  
for a branch in the middle of the  
road (excuse us, where the road  
should be) with a ridge of dirt on  
each side. The driving of teams  
hitched to the grader should be done  
by good teamsters with good teams  
and especially a man who knows  
his business on the grader. No in-  
experienced fellow, if it can be helped,  
should ever be allowed to turn a  
wheel to grade a road. Although we  
have the old two wheeled grader, we  
will put a man named Jeff, or other  
name Miller, on the old grader  
and beat any of you. He is the  
best overseer and grader in the  
county, we think, by all odds. From  
what he has done have we written  
these things. Observe our culverts,  
bridges and roads, the grading, &c.  
They are the best in the county. Mr.  
Miller has already said that he will  
give all the work in our district  
behind any one in the county. Mr.  
Miller makes nice, smooth  
roads, solid roads and those that  
last. We will put Mr. Miller and  
our road district (called High Hill)  
against any one anywhere. Our  
overseer grade until he gets the  
dirt from each side together, but he  
does not leave it in a ridge. He  
knocks the clods off then with the  
grader. How nice it makes the  
road. If a man has any ambition  
then, as soon as he can after the  
road is graded he should get out  
and level any big bumps along his  
land with a shovel, hoe or harrow,  
and clean out around culverts and  
bridges. Then every man, who has  
a light vehicle or a reasonably light  
load, should go in a bee line in the  
center of the road until clods (if  
there are such) are smashed and  
dirt packed. One who travels,  
MOSSACK.

A Battle for Blood.

Is what Hood's Sarsaparilla vig-  
orously fights, and it is always victo-  
rious in expelling all the foul taints  
and giving the vital fluid the quality  
and quantity of perfect health. It  
cures scrofula, salt rheum, boils and  
all other troubles caused by impure  
blood.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.  
25c. Sent by mail on receipt of  
price by C. I. Hood & Co., Apothe-  
caries, Lowell, Mass.

Brown Sultan Sold.

Mr. J. S. Moore, east of town,  
has sold to Miller Bros., of Gant,  
the great young stallion, Brown  
Sultan, by Sultan 1513, 2:24, the  
sire of Stamboul, 2:07 1/2, the  
fastest living stallion. Brown  
Sultan's dam is Astral, 2:18, by  
August Belmont, a son of Ham-  
bletonian 10. Miller Bros. bought  
him for the low price of \$1,000,  
about half what he is really worth.  
We are glad to know that Brown  
Sultan will remain in this county.  
We look for him to be a sire of  
speed.

Mr. J. N. Cross is back from  
Brookfield and says corn looks ex-  
ceptionally well in Linn county.

Swept By A Big Fire.

SOUTH CHICAGO ALMOST WIPED  
OUT BY FLAMES.

Seven Thousand People Made Home-  
less—Two Hundred and Fifty  
Houses Burned and Loss  
\$1,000,000.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Seven thou-  
sand and people made homeless, 250  
houses in ashes and a million dol-  
lars' worth of property destroyed.  
That is the record of a fire that swept  
through South Chicago for several  
hours to night.

South Chicago is 13 miles distant  
from the City Hall and has a popu-  
lation of 50,000. Nearly all the re-  
sidents, and chiefly those who suf-  
fered by to-night's fire, are mill and  
factory employes, many of them  
working for the Illinois Steel Com-  
pany. On them the loss falls with  
frightful significance, for in many  
instances the men were living in en-  
fered idleness, caused by the shut-  
downs.

It is said that several, at least  
two, lives were lost, while many  
persons were seriously injured.

Dandruff is due to an enfeebled  
state of the skin. Hall's Hair Re-  
newer quickens the nutritive func-  
tions of the skin, healing and pre-  
venting the formation of dandruff.

Enough to Make Him Sick.  
From the *St. Louis Republic*.

Champ Clark says that the talk  
of the Democratic party going to  
wreck and ruin makes him sick.

Well it may. The healthy polit-  
ical stomach of an ingraind Mis-  
souri Democrat gets a nausea when  
loped politicians can not see a  
debate without having a fit.

A question is never as well set-  
tled as when it is fought to a finish,  
with a full use of all opinions and  
all the strength of conflicting inter-  
ests. That is what the Democratic  
party is on earth for. If everybody  
were right and knew it all, there  
would be no parties and very few  
sessions of Congress.

This nation is not going to the  
dogs, the Democratic party is not  
broken up, the people are not sub-  
dued and the eyes of Providence are  
still upon us. When our grand  
fathers in this Western country lived  
on hominy and venison they did  
not make half as much fuss as some  
of our politicians who eat seven-  
course hotel dinners make over a  
change of limetallie ratio.

The only thing that will make a  
Missouri Democrat sicker will be  
the discovery that while certain weak-  
headed Western politicians are talk-  
ing of wreck and ruin the gold bugs  
are getting in the solid work.

Mourn less and work more. We  
hope Champ Clark will tell that to  
the wreck and ruin fellows.

Stock Notes.

Many horses are ruined by care-  
lessness in handling.

It is said that Massachusetts has  
68,000 dogs and only 45,000 sheep.

Growing sheep instead of taking  
fertility from the soil improves it.

The average weight of beef steers  
in England 180 years ago was 370  
pounds.

It rarely if ever pays to whip a  
horse. They yield much quicker to  
kind treatment.

It is expensive to keep the brood  
sow on corn all winter. Give milk,  
bran, roots, etc.

The question with the stock  
grower is, how to increase the qual-  
ity without increasing the cost.

There is no discrimination by  
cattle men in any particular breed,  
but all discriminate against the  
scrubs of all breeds.

Don't buy a blood purifier because  
it is "cheap." The best—the super-  
ior medicine—Ayer's Sarsaparilla,  
is, in the end, the cheapest blood  
purifier in the market. The ingredi-  
ents of which it is composed are the  
most expensive and medicinally  
efficacious that can be obtained.

Not a Candidate.  
From the *Monroe City News*.

We notice frequent mention of R.  
M. White, editor of the Mexico  
LEDGER, as a candidate for Railroad  
Commissioner. If Mr. White should  
become a candidate for Railroad  
Commissioner he would certainly  
have a very strong following. And  
he ought to have. He has labored  
incessantly for the Democratic party  
for these many years. Besides he  
has aided hundreds of men to get  
office and these hundreds would no  
doubt be only too glad of an oppor-  
tunity to please and honor him. In  
addition to these details, he is  
thoroughly qualified for such a po-  
sition, and in that position would  
labor in season and out of season  
for the welfare of the people with  
as much perseverance as he has with  
his LEDGER for the people of Mexico  
and Audrain county.

Judge Smith sold 80 head of  
cattle to Fountain Bros., at